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- 1. SYRIAN REPLY TO PROPOSED CHANGES IN DRAFT WENDING ITS WAY (LABORIOUSLY) FROM SYRIAN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EMBASSY WASHINGTON. PENDING OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, WE ARE FORWARDING SUMMARY OF SYRIAN CHANGES TO U.S. PROPOSAL.
- 2. PARA 1.A. "...IN A JOINT OPERATION WITH ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES MAY OPERATE BETWEEN THEM TWO SCHEDULED ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS PER WEEK BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND/OR AMMAN AND NEW YORK WITH CONNECTING SERVICES..." THE PHRASE "BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND NEW YORK AND AMMAN AND NEW YORK" HAS BEEN DELETED.
- 3. PARA 1.C. HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ: "THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WILL SUPPLY TO THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES APPROPRIATE DATA ON A QUARTERLY BASIS SHOWING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND TONS OF CARGO CARRIED ON THE JOINT OPERATION BY POINT OF EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION." THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES STATE THEY LACK THE TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO AMASS DATA FOR PASSENGERS AND CARGO BY POINT OF TICKET ORIGIN AS REQUESTED IN THE U.S. PRESENTATION.

4. PARA 1.D. "THE FOREGOING RIGHTS MAY BE EXERCISED UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1978 OR UNTIL EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN SYRIA AND USA, WHICHEVER IS LATER". SYRIAN ARAB AIR AUTHORITIES TOLD EMBOFF THAT ALTERNATIVE U.S. LANGUAGE APPEARS ACCEPTABLE.

5. PARA 2. "THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA HAS NOTED THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW UNITED STATES AIRLINES TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS TO AND FROM SYRIA AND HAS ALSO NOTED THEIR REQUEST TO ACCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THE CHARTERWORTHINESS OF FLIGHTS OF U.S. ORIGIN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES CHARTER TYPE RULES. THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA WILL BE PLEASED TO NEGOTIATE SUCH RIGHTS UNDER A SEPARATE AGREEMENT AS THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF APRIL 28, 1947 RELATES TO SPECIFIED ROUTES AND SCHEDULES SERVICES ONLY." THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT PREFERS TO CONCLUDE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT TO COVER CHARTER RIGHTS.

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